

Minutes of the Shutesbury Recreation Committee Meeting
October 2, 2019
10:15 am

Present: Rita Farrell, Christine Robinson, BZ Reilly, Christine Marglin
Guest: Jen Taylor (not yet a member of the committee)

Approval of the minutes from September 18, 2019.

Celebrate Shutesbury was a success, and Christine R distributed a lot of info about hikes and our activities to people who visited her table.

Jen had a good idea about doing a winter carnival on the ice at Lake Wyola. Game Night at the library this Saturday at town hall will be a good time to publicize this event, and Jen will bring a sign up sheet to see if there's interest. Jen can ask Mary Anne about making Game Night a monthly event, and also ask the Fire Department about getting involved in a winter carnival. The Fire Department holds a Halloween party and Jen says she'd like to see them expand it. The library did some activities for Halloween last year with pumpkins donated by Police Chief Dan Fernandes.

The PTO might also get involved. The event could be held at the town beach and then the state wouldn't have to get involved. Jen is envisioning a simple event, not requiring a lot of planning, that just gets people out in the winter time and having some fun. This will also depend on what roads are plowed and accessible in winter.

At our next meeting we will discuss continuing the fitness classes through winter, considering both budget and timing in deciding the feasibility of sponsoring another five week session of strength training and therapeutic yoga, as well as funding the classes the library suspends during the winter months. Interest in the classes needs to be assessed, with 8-9 people per class necessary to cover expenses. This fall, the RC is subsidizing strength and therapeutic yoga for about \$275 total.

BZ will make a master list and calendar of all classes. She will bring it to a future meeting in pencil for suggestions and approval before finalizing.

We will investigate who should be asked to teach the gentle yoga class December, January and February, at \$40-50 per class.

Becky Torres will email Rita about how to post on Town Announce in her role as a town official.

Rita and Christine R are going to the next COA meeting. The next RC meeting will be Tuesday, October 22 at 10:15.